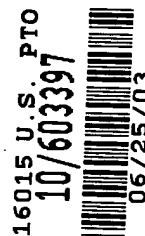




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Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification and Abstract – thirty-one (31) pages.
- ☒ Drawings – twenty (20) sheets (Figs. 1-32).
- ☐ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
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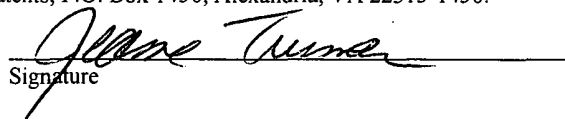


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